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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2015-0022; OMB No. 1660-0054]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and Fire Prevention and Safety Grants-Grant Application Supplemental Information.

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning grant application information necessary to assess the needs and benefits of applicants for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) Online. Submit comments at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID FEMA-2015-0022. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) Mail. Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at

<http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide.

Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Dunham, Fire Program Specialist, FEMA, Grant Program Directorate, 202-786-9813. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at email address: FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package is a revision to the collection originally approved as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-Grant Application Supplemental Information, OMB Control Number: 1660-0054. FEMA is updating the name of this collection from “Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-Grant Application Supplemental Information” to “Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and Fire Prevention and Safety Grants-Grant Application Supplemental Information” to reflect more accurately the grant programs covered. Information sought under this submission will comprise of applications for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants. The Federal Fire Protection and

Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), as amended, authorizes FEMA to fund fire department activities. The information collected through the program's application is the minimum necessary to evaluate grant applications and is necessary for FEMA to comply with mandates delineated in the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Collection of Information

Title: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and Fire Prevention and Safety Grants-Grant Application Supplemental Information.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0054.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form 080-0-2, Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Application (General Questions and Narrative); FEMA Form 080-0-2a, Activity Specific Questions for AFG Vehicle Applicants; FEMA Form 080-0-2b, Activity Specific Questions for AFG Operations and Safety Applications; FEMA Form 080-0-3, Activity Specific Questions for Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Applicants; FEMA Form 080-0-3a, Fire Prevention and Safety; FEMA Form 080-0-3b, Research and Development.

Abstract: The FEMA forms for this collection are used to objectively evaluate each of the anticipated applicants to determine which applicants' submission in each of the AFG activities are close to the established program priorities. FEMA also uses the information to determine eligibility and whether the proposed use of funds meets the requirements and intent of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit Institutions.

Number of Respondents: 22,000.

Number of Responses: 22,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 158,590 hours.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours and Costs								
Type of Respondent	Form Name / Form Number	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total No. of Responses	Avg. Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Annual Burden (in hours)	Avg. Hourly Wage Rate	Total Annual Respondent Cost
State, Local or Tribal Government	Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Application (General Questions and Narrative) / FEMA Form 080-0-2	10,000	1	10,000	9 hours	90,000	\$49.50	\$4,455,000.00
State, Local or Tribal Government	Activity Specific Questions for AFG Vehicle Applicants / FEMA Form 080-0-2a	2,600	1	2,600	11 hours	28,600	\$49.50	\$1,415,700.00
State, Local or Tribal Government	Activity Specific Questions for AFG Operations and Safety Applications / FEMA Form 080-0-2b	7,400	1	7,400	4.6 hours	34,040	\$49.50	\$1,684,980.00
State, Local or Tribal Government	Activity Specific Questions for Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) Applicants / FEMA Form 080-0-3	820	1	820	2.5 hours	2,050	\$49.50	\$101,475.00

Not-for-profit Institutions	Activity Specific Questions for Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) Applicants / FEMA Form 080-0-3	180	1	180	2.5 hours	450	\$49.50	\$22,275.00
State, Local or Tribal Government	Fire Prevention and Safety / FEMA Form 080-0-3a	820	1	820	2.5 hours	2,050	\$49.50	\$101,475.00
Not-for-profit Institutions	Fire Prevention and Safety / FEMA Form 080-0-3a	130	1	130	2.5 hours	325	\$49.50	\$16,087.50
Not-for-profit Institutions	Research and Development / FEMA Form 080-0-3b	50	1	50	21.5 hours	1,075	\$48.50	\$52,137.50
Total		22,000		22,000		158,590		\$7,849,130.00

- Note: The "Avg. Hourly Wage Rate" for each respondent includes a 1.4 multiplier to reflect a fully-loaded wage rate.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is \$7,849,130.00. There are no annual costs to respondents' operations and maintenance costs for technical services. There are no annual start-up or capital costs. The cost to the Federal Government is \$3,319,699.04.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the ADDRESSES caption above.

Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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